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The Honorable Richard W. Spinrad
Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 5128
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Administrator Spinrad:

I request your full and fair consideration of the Skagit Basin Tribal Priority barrier correction project as part of the Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal Grant program. This project is a joint grant application from Skagit County and the Skagit River System Cooperative. The project is an ongoing partnership designed to identify and repair culverts that unintentionally create barriers for area fish.

The project helps restore more than five miles of habitat for salmon and other fish by improving three culverts in eastern Skagit County. In addition, the project enables the Skagit River co-op to survey stream crossings on Tribal lands and make necessary improvements. The increased spawning and rearing habitat for fish like Chinook salmon and others boosts recovery of local endangered species like the Southern Resident Killer Whale.

For these reasons, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the Skagit Basin Tribal Priority barrier correction project.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen
U.S. Representative
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